# California Department of Corrections Financial Information Memo

SUBJECT: FIM NUMBER:

CALL BACK MILEAGE 2005-04

**REFERENCES:** DATE: March 1, 2005

Department of Personnel Administration Rule 599.626

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## **PURPOSE**

This Financial Information Memo (FIM) clarifies entitlement for and reporting of Call Back Mileage.

### **BACKGROUND**

Call Back Mileage applies whenever an employee's call back to work results in an additional commute the employee would not have otherwise made. It applies when called back from home on an emergency situation, or when overtime scheduled in advance requires returning to work from home on a normal day off.

Call Back Mileage does not apply when working overtime consecutive with normal work hours, where the employee remains at work. It does not apply if an employee decides, without being requested or scheduled, to return to work outside of normal work hours.

Call Back Mileage constitutes reportable, taxable income at the time it is paid.

### **DISCUSSION**

An employee eligible for Call Back Mileage may be reimbursed through the Payroll Input Process (PIP), or by submitting a manual or CalATERS Travel Expense Claim (TEC). Your Personnel Office can advise whether they process Call Back Mileage through PIP. If not, claim it on a TEC.

When Call Back Mileage reimbursement is requested by manual TEC, the income must be reported on a STD. Form 676P no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following payment. This results in the appropriate withholding from the employee's subsequent pay warrant.

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When Call Back Mileage reimbursement is paid through PIP or requested through CalATERS, income is reported and applicable taxes are withheld automatically.

## **ACTION REQUIRED**

Please implement appropriate procedures to ensure that Call Back Mileage is paid to eligible employees, and that it is reported as required by the Payroll Procedure Manual and Internal Revenue Service regulations.

If you have further questions regarding this FIM, please contact Paul Thatcher, Chief, Accounting Policies and Procedures Section at (916) 322-6051.

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